




Happenings at Mount Olive! -- Sunday In-Person Worship & HC

Sermon Themes: **Sunday, April 12th – Doubt**
 Sunday, April 19th – Can You See It?

First Communion: Today, we are celebrating those receiving their first communion and those commemorating theirs...Aubrey Jane Christensen, Lilah Jane Ciesinski, and Adeline Grace Leffelman.

Service Team Update: **Coming up for April 12th, 19th, & 26th, & May 3rd.** We are getting ready again to make “Little Dresses for Africa.” We will need some help to get going and get sewing! Items needed: children’s or youth plain t-shirts, at least 1 yard of cotton or cotton-blend fabric, and decorative trim such as rick rack, lace, buttons, bows, and any other decorative trim items you can think of to enhance these dresses. **If you enjoy sewing and would like to help with this fun project, stay tuned for further information. We will have a sewing day on May 16th (light lunch will be provided). We will have patterns available in the entryway, or you can find them on the “Little Dresses for Africa” website <https://littledressesforafrica.org/printables>.** We will also collect new elastic- or drawstring-waist shorts for boys in April. Thanks in advance for your support in this important mission. If you have any questions or would like to join the Service Team, please contact Deb Barnes.

 **Mount Olive Walking Group** : **Back After Easter! Thursdays • 10–11 a.m. (Weather permitting)**

 Move your body.  Lift your spirits.  Connect with friends.

Even a **30-minute walk** can boost energy, sharpen your mind, and brighten your day! Come **as you are**. Walk **at your own pace**. Enjoy **good company and great conversation**. **Everyone is welcome! Join us and step into joy!** — Pastor Steve Bogie

All Congregational Game Night on Saturday, April 25th, 5–8 p.m. Games Night at MTO. Come on out, stop by when you can! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend along! Use our games or bring along your favorites! Light supper and beverages provided. If you’d like, bring along a snack or food to share! **RSVP by April 22nd.**

Praise Band: Mount Olive is beginning an exciting new chapter in worship with the launch of a praise band during the second service on the fourth Sunday of the month! At its heart, music and ministry are built on relationships and joy—creating music that connects us to one another and to God, inspiring people to engage their faith. We invite you to support this new ministry—and if you feel called, to be part of it. Bring your gifts. Bring your voice. Let's grow something meaningful together in Jesus' name.

Love One Another – Mount Olive’s Care Team: Every one of us – even those of us who are fiercely independent – needs care and compassion from others. There are times in our lives when we feel able to give this support and other times when we have to humble ourselves to receive a caring hand. We are in the beginning stages of forming a care ministry at Mount Olive. This endeavor will best be described as a social ministry. No professional services will be provided, just opportunities for human connection. We want to build a network of care and belonging within the family that is our congregation. If you are currently finding life a little challenging, perhaps due to age or health issues, please call the office to express your interest in this new ministry. If you are being called to reach out and provide care and support to others, please do the same. Questions are welcome; call Pastor Steve or Betty Arntson.

Plastic Collection: Instead of a yearly reward, Trex is now offering a quarterly drawing for groups that collect enough plastic to qualify. Congratulations! Our first quarterly submission has been approved. This achievement has earned MTO an entry into the Trex Recycling Program quarterly lottery. **So far for 2026, we have collected 289 pounds!**

Little Free Pantry/Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry Needs: Located in the lower level of Mount Olive, we are grateful for the Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry and their ministry to those in need in our community. Also, *Mount Olive’s Little Free Pantry* is located outside the lower doors of MTO and is available 24 hours a day/7 day a week. Please note the items listed below and drop off in the basket marked **Food Pantry**, located in the Narthex. Thank you for working to fight food insecurity in our community! **They could use the following items: Kleenex and paper towels, hot chocolate mix, & half gallon/gallon bottles of juice (not only apple and tomato).**